

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1995  
AT GROSVENOR PLACE, 225 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY

Due to industrial trouble in the air industry, the meeting did not commence at the scheduled time of 10.00am. The Chairman, having departed from Perth Airport at 1.05am did not get to Sydney until 11.00am. At this point, only the New South Wales representatives were in attendance.

After checking the Association's Rules, it was ascertained that three attendees made up a quorum, therefore the meeting opened and the Minutes of the previous meeting were passed on the Motion of Jordon Rigby and Don Kinnersley.

The meeting then moved into Committee and general discussion ensued. It was subsequently joined by James Howard and Chris Connors from Queensland and finally by Tony Gill from Victoria, David Osgood from South Australia being an apology.

Mr Garry Cronan then arrived to quickly brief the meeting on the progress of the inter-state trading division. It had apparently fallen down because the administrators were unable to agree on how to administer it, particularly in the field of prosecution where a co-operative was "doing the wrong things in a foreign state", that state minister had no direct power.

It was the view of all councillors present that this was not acceptable and that it should not be held up through administrative details. A Motion was moved by Queensland and seconded by Victoria that the National Council expected the spirit of the inter-state division to be carried through at the earliest possible moment.

Discussion then moved onto the Capper-Volstead Act with the arrival of our visitors Professor Ian McPherson, Professor Hans Munkner and Doctor Randell Torgeson. An enjoyable and enlightening session followed, Capital Raising being a hot topic and the Council's guests left no doubt if you want to be a co-operative, then the members must fund it. No matter how you introduce outside capital, you run the risk of not being able to look after your members interests. Professor Hans Munkner summed it by saying :-  
"You can't be half pregnant."

As the meeting had run out of time, the Chairman closed the meeting at approximately 1.30pm.

